



Indiana Department of Education

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Principals

FROM: John Gubera, Advanced Placement Director

DATE: March 25, 2010

SUBJECT: New Advanced Placement Law: **HB 1135 (Public Law 91-2010)**

On March 18, 2010 Governor Daniels signed into law **HB 1135 (PL 91-2010)**.

Starting with the 2011 Advanced Placement (AP) exams, students that earn a score of 3 or higher shall receive college credit towards their degree if they attend any Indiana public institution of higher education; this includes all two and four year schools and any accompanying satellites.

Under **PL 91-2010**, Indiana can expect to see an additional 10,000 AP exam scores of 3 earned by thousands of students qualify to receive around 44,000 college credit hours. The college savings for students and parents will be significant.

Indiana public institutions of higher education may require a score higher than 3 to award credit for a course that is part of student's major but the student will still receive elective credit that counts toward their overall degree requirements to graduate from college. For example, a student wishing to major in Chemical Engineering may be required to earn a score of 4 on the AP Chemistry exam in order to receive credit for the entry level Chemistry course required in Chemical Engineering; a student who receives a 3 on the AP Chemistry exam might not receive credit for Chemistry for Chemical Engineering majors, but would be able to use that score to fulfill an elective course requirement and earn college credit towards an undergraduate degree.

PL 91-2010 will be a major benefit to students, parents, teachers and school administrators; the guessing game for receiving college credit for passing AP exam scores will be eliminated. The message sent by the Governor and the General Assembly through **PL 91-2010** is quite clear – Indiana students that demonstrate mastery of AP course content shall receive their earned credit at our state supported institutions of higher education.

Working in concert with IDOE and the Commission for Higher Education, Indiana public institutions of higher education will fully articulate how each AP course and exam score will distribute within and outside of major fields for students by **March, 2011**.

IDOE strongly encourages schools to begin informing parents, students, teachers and community members about **PL 91-2010** as student curricular decisions are being made for the next school year.

Read the new law here: <http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2010/HE/HE1135.1.html>

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